My dear Tom Wed 21st April 1826

I beg to ask a great favour of you which you granted me once before — to get me the mask of Keats somewhere in Trafalgar Square, & have it slightly packed to come to me in the despatch bag without injury — It will be better without the pedestal — & to order it to be sent to P. B. Elston Esqr. for & on the other side I will write to him to pay for it —

Mr Story the sculptor has done a beautiful bust of Shelley & will now do one of Keats

dear Caroline is still here & I often have the pleasure to see her with her three charming Greek ladies

I should be quite well but for worry for my enemies still attempt to destroy me

by the rancorous envy my position inspires & this costs me a great deal of time although I am always too much for them & have a good friend in Mr Odo Russell who watches them & defends me — You see my two Consulates make a great figure in my hands & with my passion for doing good I make many enemies. Soon these matters I must shut up shop & only act the Official Consul dry & precise

Those four dollars is received the two halfs of a £5 note sent April 3rd which I trust to hear of in due time

My twins are very well & very pleasant Arthur is drawing & Eleanor sewing covers to my silk chairs with her machine

All my cares are finished about the spec & Aigue Marine as it will soon be finished & already the water is selling — I trust this will soon bring me more than £100 a year, but it has been a great care to raise out of my little income so large a sum as a thousand pounds, but now it is all paid up & there cannot be a doubt of a great success — My hands have not returned to their nimbleness — I cannot play on my P. F., but I can walk a mile & go up & down stairs

Your loving brother Joe